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For: A STRUCTURAL PLY OF A PAPERBOARD CORE, A
PAPERBOARD CORE MADE THEREOF, AND A
METHOD OF IMPROVING THE STIFFNESS OF A
PAPERBOARD CORE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Substitute the specification on the attached sheets for the amended specification pages 1 through 17 submitted January 29, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 through 17 without prejudice and substitute the following therefor:

18. A paperboard core, comprising:
said paperboard core comprising a plurality of structural plies, at least one of said structural ply made by press drying in a machine having machine and cross machine directions, and having a machine direction modulus of elasticity of at least 7500 Mpa, and a cross machine direction modulus of elasticity greater than 4500.